

the Committee on National Security for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related agencies: Representatives Stump, Spence, and Delums.

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Water Resources Conference: The House insisted on its amendment to S. 640, to provide for conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Shuster, Young of Alaska, Boehlert, Oberstar, and Bor-ski.

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Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Railroad Unemployment Insurance: H.R. 2594, amended, to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act;

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Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996: H.R. 3923, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual air carriers to take actions to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 418);

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Deepwater Port Modernization Act: H.R. 2940, amended, to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974;

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Snow Removal Policy Act of 1996: H.R. 3348, amended, to direct the President to establish standards and criteria for the provision of major disaster and emergency assistance in response to snow-related events;

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Safe Container Act Amendments: H.R. 4040, to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to intermodal safe container transportation;

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National Air and Space Museum Annex: S. 1995, to authorize construction of the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum Dulles Center at Washington Dulles International Airport—clearing the measure for the President; and

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Mark O. Hatfield Court House: S. 1636, to designate the United States Courthouse under construction at 1030 Southwest 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon, as the “Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse”—clearing the measure for the President.

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Department of Transportation Appropriations Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 19 nays,

Roll No. 419, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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H. Res. 522, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Referrals: Two Senate-passed measures, S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy, and S. 2085, to authorize the Capitol Guide Service to accept voluntary services were referred to the Committee on House Oversight.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H10567.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10552–53 and H10567. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA—TEAM NUTRITION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review contracting practices and other activities at the USDA relating to Team Nutrition. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and Ellen Haas, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

SUMITOMO CORPORATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on recent events surrounding Sumitomo Corporation. Testimony was heard from Representative Schumer; Susan M. Phillips, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Brooksley E. Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills; H.R. 4012, to waive temporarily the Medicare enrollment composition rules for The Wellness Plan; H.R. 2923, to extend for 4 additional years the waiver granted to the Watts Health Foundation from the membership mix requirement for health maintenance organizations participating in the Medicare Program; H.R. 2988, amended, to amend the

Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization projects are exempt from certain requirements of environmental Protection Agency rules; H.R. 3632, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement for annual resident review for nursing facilities under the Medicaid Program and to require resident reviews for mentally ill or mentally retarded residents when there is a significant change in physical or mental condition; H.R. 3633, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to permit a waiver of the prohibition of offering nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs in certain nursing facilities; H.R. 4083, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 1997; H.R. 3391, amended, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the leaking underground storage tank trust fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreement for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such act; and H.R. 1186, amended, Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3877, amended, to designate the U.S. post office building in Camden, AR, as the "Honorable David H. Pryor Post Office Building"; and S. 868, to provide authority for leave transfer for Federal employees who are adversely affected by disasters or emergencies.

The Committee also approved the following draft reports entitled: "Investigation of White House Travel Office Firings and Related Matters"; and "Sampling and Statistical Adjustment in the Decennial Census: Fundamental Flaws."

SHOOTDOWN OF BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Shootdown of Brothers to the Rescue: What Happened? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Col. Michael C. McMahan, Deputy J-3, Atlantic Command; and Maria Fernandez, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs; and Jose J. Basulto, President, Brothers to the Rescue.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission Act; and H.R. 2092, amended, Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act of 1995.

The Committee also approved a private claims bill.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 3852, Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act of 1996.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 193, granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and H.J. Res. 194, granting the consent of the Congress to amendments made by Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony on H.J. Res. 163 was heard from John P. Carey, General Counsel, FEMA; Tom Feuerborn, Director, Department of Civil Emergency Management, State of Oklahoma; David McMillion, Director, Emergency Management Agency, State of Maryland; and Eric L. Tolbert, Chief, Bureau of Preparedness and Response, Division of Emergency Management, Department of Community Affairs, State of Florida. Testimony on H.J. Res. 194 was heard from Representative Davis and Robert Polk, General Counsel, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.J. Res. 189, granting the consent of Congress to the Interstate Insurance Receivership Compact. Testimony was heard from Leo W. Fraser, Jr., member, Senate, State of New Hampshire; and Robert G. Lange, Director, Department of Insurance, State of Nebraska.

PRISON INDUSTRIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on prison industries. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice: Kathleen M. Hawk, Director; and Steve Schwalb, Assistant Director; and public witnesses.

TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST U.S. FORCES IN DHAHRAN

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on the July 25, 1996 terrorist attack against U.S. military forces in Dhahran.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2392, amended, to amend the Umatilla Basin Project Act to establish boundaries for irrigation districts within the Umatilla Basin; H.R. 3258,

amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain real property located within the Carlsbad project in New Mexico to Carlsbad Irrigation District; H.R. 2561, amended, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Boundary Adjustment Act of 1995; H.R. 3973, amended, to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives; H.R. 3155, amended, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the Wekiva River, Seminole Creek, and Rock Springs Run in the State of Florida for study and potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3568, to designate 51.7 miles of the Clarion River, located in Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; H.R. 3497, amended, to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest; H.R. 4067, amended, to provide for representation of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives; H.R. 2041, amended, Guam War Restitution Act; and H.R. 3752, amended, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act of 1996.

U.S.-PUERTO RICO POLITICAL STATUS ACT

Committee on Rules: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3024, United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act.

ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on H.R. 3994, Entrepreneur Development Program Act of 1996, a proposed reform of the 8(a) Program. Testimony was heard from July England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; the following officials of the SBA: Philip Lader, Administrator; and Hugh Wright, Assistant District Director, Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development Program; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—RAILS TO TRAILS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on the Rails to Trails Act. Testimony has heard from Representative Pombo; Katherine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource, Stewardship, and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEDICARE SUBVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported amended H.R. 4068, Veterans Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project Act.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3666, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1996 Senate

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Drinking Water, Fisheries, and Wildlife, to hold hearings on S. 1660, National Invasive Species Act, and to examine efforts to reduce the threat posed by nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on economic freedom and development aid programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq and the Iraqi response, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to hold hearings on S. 1724, to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings on assessing the impact of judicial taxation on local communities, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold hearings on the implementation of Public Law 102-4, the medical and scientific bases for associations between herbicide exposure and disease, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold hearings on Iraq and Middle East security, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1646 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the Conservation Reserve Program, regulations, and the implementation of the Conservative Title of the Federal Agriculture Improvement Reform Act of 1996, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2508, Animal Drug Availability Act of 1995; and H.R. 1791, Medicaid Certification Act of 1995, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.